

Celebrities

Viewpoints editor Bruce Duncanson asks what's the deal with all the celebrity coverage in the media. What's really behind all the sensational journalism?

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Riley High School / 405 East Ewing

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Safety in school earns top billing

Violent incidents like the killings in Colorado make school safety a critical concern

Lindsay Manley/Tara Stokes
Staff Reporters

"Will I die today?"

This may be the question that is racing through many teens' minds when they get up every morning to go to school in the aftermath of the shootings last week in Littleton, Colorado.

Could a similar tragedy take place here at Riley?

According to George McCullough, principal, "With the morals and values of students today, a shooting could happen anywhere."

However, the Riley administration has taken many steps to make the school safe. We ascribe to the philosophy of MBWA, which means 'Management by Walking Around,' said McCullough. That way we get to know our students and are alerted to problems right away.

McCullough and Sergeant John Floyd, Riley's only full-time security guard, have taken a zero-tolerance stance against any potential harm, as well.

A junior was expelled last week for keeping a B.B. gun in the front seat of his car, and a friend of this student was suspended for refusing to reveal this information to the administration.

"We are responsible for our students from the minute they leave their house in the morning, until the minute they walk into their front door after school," said McCullough.

"Last week we suspended a student for threatening another student one block from his own house," said McCullough.

Freshman Heather Smithburn attests to the sense of security at Riley. "In middle school, this one kid was always threatening



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CRIME DOGS/ Police dogs such as the one pictured above are commonly used to carry out Code Red procedures during the school year.

to hurt me, he even said he wanted to kill me," she said. "No one took me seriously." "When I came to Riley, however, I told Mr. McCullough and Sergeant Floyd about this student, and he was immediately expelled," she said. "I feel this is the safest school in South Bend," she said.

"We take any threats seriously," said McCullough. "We'll put any student out who is not in school to learn."

As another measure to tighten security, McCullough and Floyd have closed the school store on the third floor of the building, except during passing periods.

"We were getting complaints from teachers about students wandering around the halls, and with the extra traffic we were having trouble controlling who was supposed to be in the halls," said McCullough.

The hall walkers who were frequenting the store vandalized the stairwells and stole some merchandise, leading to the crackdown on store hours.

However, the halls remain under control and clear despite the lack of security during the first, second and fourth blocks.

"We are responsible for our students from the minute they leave their house in the morning, until the minute they walk into their front door after school."

"Mr. Floyd and I are the only two security individuals in the school during those hours, and it is difficult to monitor all the doors and access points," said McCullough. He explained that Tony Ross, the only other full-time security guard, is often called to speak at middle and elementary schools during the day.

The principals admit that we have been "lucky" at Riley that there have been no incidences as a result of this lack of manpower.

"What we need are four full-time

Continued SECURITY/ P8

Safety procedures during a gunman crisis

- ♦ Follow Code Red procedures.
- ♦ Remain in the classroom.
- ♦ Move away from doorways.
- ♦ If caught in a hallway, go to the nearest classroom.
- ♦ Play dead if necessary.
- ♦ Do not confront the gunman or attempt to be a hero.
- ♦ If caught in a hostage situation, do exactly as the gunman orders.
- ♦ Do not panic.
- ♦ Unless otherwise instructed, ignore fire alarms.

Touring of new school planned for the summer



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Jason McFarley
Editor-in-chief

While the new Riley is set to open for the 1999-2000 year, tours of the building will be made available to the public in the week prior to school's start.

The tours will run daily the week of August 16 and through the weekend, including August 20 and 21.

As a service to the community, the tours will be put on at no cost.

Student Council sponsor Lou Ann Spore is a former Riley parent and a member of the committee in charge of the tours. According to Spore, the tours are a large undertaking.

Spore said the project will take the help of at least 156 people; both students and faculty are encouraged to volunteer.

"These 156 available positions include all aspects of the touring project. We need people to recruit others, to give actual floor tours, and to give tours of individual rooms in the building," said Spore.

Spore is currently requesting the aid of her council members, but she said anyone interested is welcome to help.

"We're looking for outgoing people who enjoy speaking in front of crowds to conduct tours through the building. They would be trained so that they have a working knowledge of the school," Spore said.

Students who give presentations of rooms, such as the gymnasiums and the auditorium, also will not go into the project blindly. Most of these presenters will have scripts to read to the touring groups.

Besides speaking positions, there are also more behind-the-scenes roles involved in the project.

Junior Student Council member Katie Whippo said there are many jobs which do not require public speaking.

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Former All-American athlete speaks on issues facing teens today



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TALKING/ Mike McCoy speaks in the Riley gym.

Jason McFarley
Editor-in-chief

Sex, alcohol, and drugs. Former *National Football League* player Mike McCoy calls them the SAD words, and they were the focus of his schoolwide presentation when he spoke at Riley on April 20.

McCoy, a former All-American from the University of Notre Dame with 11 years of professional experience, is

executive director of *Champions for Today*. The group is a national organization which promotes the image of professional athletes as positive role models.

Among McCoy's other accomplishments is a presidential appointment to the National Council on Sports for a Drug-Free America.

According to McCoy, a great deal of the turmoil in American society

has its roots in the SAD words.

Much of today's violent culture is drug and alcohol-related, and the current AIDS epidemic can be traced in large part to sexual irresponsibility, McCoy offered.

"For every choice there is a consequence. The one common denominator is our own free will, our ability to choose," McCoy said.

While McCoy

admits that he did not always make the right choices, he says he lives each day by the 3D theory: Decisions determine destiny.

"What's also important is to have a purpose in your life and some sense of direction," he said.

In addition to his informal talk to students and staff in the gymnasium, McCoy also showed a slide presentation of his career

and accomplishments.

The former Pennsylvania native also offered his audience an opportunity to receive additional information about *Champions for Today* and handed out autographed sports cards.

"I want everyone to know that there is a place for them in this world. It may take some time for them to learn their role, but it's there."

McFarley wins full ride to Notre Dame

Katie Grembowicz
Staff Reporter

Full-ride scholarship for four years to Notre Dame.

Seems like a boy's dream. Jason McFarley, senior, has accomplished his dream and so much more.

Jason, hoping for the best, applied for a scholarship to Notre Dame in February and was surprised and relieved to come back from a trip and realize he had gotten it. The scholarship was awarded by the Lilly Foundation.

"I saw the envelope sitting in the mailbox and it looked kind of full, so I figured it couldn't be that bad," Jason said.

"I was happy and very excited!" he said about getting the scholarship, "I was really relieved!"

He also said that his whole family was very relieved because they no longer had to wait and be nervous. "My mom was really happy and proud!" he said.

And this was one hard scholarship to get. The requirements were having a 3.5 GPA, recommendations from teachers, a virtually perfect academic record, and extra school activities.

But since Jason has a GPA of 3.85 and is ranked fourth in his class, his chances were excellent, according to the counselors.

Jason has worked hard all his life to obtain his goals in life. He has amazed teachers with his skill and technique for avid work and has left a mark at Riley forever.

Marcia Kovas, publications teacher, said "Jason is an outstanding overall student."

She also said that Jason's first priority has always been his grades. "He's very conscientious and a deep thinker," she said.

James Spears, social studies teacher, feels the same way. When asked what Jason's strengths were, he replied, "That he accomplishes his goals and does a good job."

Not only does Jason do a great



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BIG SMILE/ John Voorde, candidate for the South Bend Mayor race, visited Riley, and spoke with *The Review* staff.

job academically, he's also very personable according to his teachers.

Spears quoted him to be, "A very nice, polite, mature young man."

He also said that, "His kindness, ability to listen, his politeness, and treating everybody with respect," were his best personality traits.

Kovas definitely agrees.

"He goes out of his way to work with everybody. And he doesn't like controversy, so he always tries to get along with everybody," she said.

Kovas also thinks that Jason hasn't been hardened by the world around him and that's something great about him. She said it's great that he's so well-rounded. "He's a very kind person."

Jason even seems to feel the same way about himself. "I'm a wellrounded person, I have good

character, and I'm really involved with a lot of things," he said shyly, when asked why he deserved this scholarship.

Even though Jason spends two or three hours a night studying, he also devotes a lot of his time to his school. There's really nothing that Jason isn't a part of.

Jeff Skarski, sophomore, said about Jason, "What isn't he?"

Jason is, out of many things, an Editor-in-Chief for the *Riley Review*, captain on the boys' tennis team, student council president, vice-president of the senior class, and a member of the Quiz Bowl team.

Spears and Kovas both agree that Jason's biggest achievements are writing for Riley's paper and winning first place in 1998 for a Mock Trial journalism competition.

Kovas would like to see him

continue in his writing and Jason wants the same.

"I want to write for the paper at Notre Dame eventually," Jason said.

Whatever Jason does decide to do at college, Kovas and Spears both have faith that he will make it with flying colors.

"I look to have him go for a Ph.D. and go all the way," Kovas said.

"I could see him become a national syndicated columnist and a published author," she said.

They both hope he will have a good college career and look for him to have a fun and productive life afterwards.

Advice?

"To continue fighting for what he believes in and not to lose his idealism," Kovas said.

"To continue being himself (he is good as it gets now), to stay humble, to be empathetic, and to enjoy life," Spears said.

Jason says he'll miss the people at Riley the most. So many teachers have helped him along his high school road.

"All of them have had a very big impact on my life," he commented. ■

McFarley's accomplishments

- Vice President of Senior Class.
- President of Student Council.
- Quiz Bowl Captain.
- Member of the Science Olympiad.
- Member of varsity tennis team.
- Editor-in-chief of The Riley Review
- Won the Riley High School Daughters of the American Revolution award for good citizenship.
- Salutatorian for the class of 1999.

Hoover awarded Lilly grant

Jeff Skarski
Staff Reporter

Todd Hoover, photography teacher, was recently awarded a grant from Lilly Endowment Incorporated. He found out about the grant in the Riley Newsletter, and he submitted an application. Out of 650 Indiana teachers that applied for the grant, 80 were accepted. Not only did Hoover have to be able to beat those odds, but he was also the only teacher in the entire corporation to be selected.

The \$7,500 Lilly Grant will be presented to Mr. Hoover on May 22 of this year. The grant funds projects for teachers that will help them to learn more about the subjects that they teach.

"Almost all of the teachers who have participated in the program have incorporated their learning into the classroom the following year," said Hoover.

The project that Hoover will work on is developing photographs using the cyanotype technique. This is the method that was used by photographers a hundred years ago.

"I am going to produce a body of work that is photographic in nature, and these photographs will incorporate the non-silver technique to produce a photograph. I will have the opportunity to embrace a technique that was used by my photographic forefathers," said Hoover.

His project will take him to museums in Washington, D.C. and New York to study old photographs, and then he will create new photographs using the same method, and try to combine



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WORKING HARD/ Award winning photography teacher Todd Hoover, reviews senior Lee Piechocki's art work.

them with contemporary methods. "I've always been interested in the history of photography," Hoover said.

Mike Rozewicz, the head of the art department wasn't surprised to find out that Hoover had won the grant. "He cares about what happens to his students. He's doing this for them, not himself," said Rozewicz. "I'm going to let some of my

advanced students help me to develop the nonsilver photographs I create," said Hoover.

Being the only teacher in the South Bend Community School Corporation to be awarded the Lilly grant, he has shown everyone that you just can't hide that wildcat pride! ■

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Whippo herself is serving as a student recruiting captain. She is in charge of rounding up people interested in helping with the tours, including those who want speak and those who want to help with the organizational work.

"What I am doing right now is trying to find anyone who would like to be a part of these tours. I have asked students and teachers, and I've asked them to pass the word on to their friends about the tours," said Whippo.

"It's still early in the process, but I can see that a lot of people, especially students, are excited about this project," said Spore.

In addition to recruiting help, volunteers are needed as floor leaders and aides, a responsibility that requires them to organize the flow of the tours on each floor of the new building.

Both Spore and Whippo are pleased with the turnout of volunteers so far.

"It's still early in the process, but I can see that a lot of people, especially students, are excited about this project," said Spore.

Schedule for the tours

- Tours start one week before school opens
- The tours will be from 11-4 on weekdays, and on 11-7 on weekends.

Viewpoints

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How long will the war continue?

Ajaz Chaudhry
News Editor

As we prepare to enter the new millennium, we think back on this century to see what we have accomplished, and what we can learn. Man flew, for the first time, in this century, we went to Mars and to the moon. We discovered new medicines and new disease, new countries were created and more freedom was earned.

All these accomplishments were also accompanied by war and killing. Thousands of Americans died the two World Wars but they also killed many Germans and killed 40,000 people with one drop of The Bomb. Hitler killed 10 million people during World War II.

Yet when we look at ourselves now we think we are too advanced, too smart, too mature to let something like that happen again. The word genocide triggers multiple condemnations from political as well as religious leaders.

If, by some bizarre coincidence we again find ourselves in the middle of a conflict in which innocent people are being exterminated, the question arises what do we do?

There are a thousand excuses and reasons why we should not intervene, but there is one reason why we should: innocent people are dying. That one reason far outweighs all of the excuses.

Maybe we don't want to spend the money, or we don't want to lose American lives in the process, or perhaps we don't want to enter a conflict which is not ours. The cost of doing nothing will be far greater than doing something.

If we do not act, it will leave behind a legacy at the end of the century and will give a green light to many other people around the world to persecute minorities.

In the past year there have been over 1 million people kicked out of their homes, and thousands have been killed, in Kosovo.

Most of the people kicked out were respected doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and teachers. Their only mistake was that they were not the same ethnicity as the ruler of the country.

These people did not commit any crimes against the state, they wanted freedom, the right to hold elections, and the right to live in peace. These basic human rights were refused to them, and they were instead driven out of their homes or exterminated.

The Clinton administration made a mistake by not doing something about the conflict sooner, but the cost of not doing anything now would be tremendous. Millions of lives have been destroyed and each day a steady stream of refugees, mostly women and children, cross the border into safety.

Most of the people coming across the border tell horror stories of how their family members were murdered, burned alive, and how little kids were shot.

These horrific stories can send a cold chill through your body and you ask how could we let this go on, yet some of

the people can still stand up and say we should let them handle their own business.

Agencies such as the Red Cross are helping with caring for the refugees. Millions of tons of food have been sent to neighboring

countries, yet the demand is increasing faster than the food supply.

It is our moral duty to not allow another holocaust to occur 50 years after we thought we learned our lessons. This brutal killing is taking place on the doorstep of NATO, this makes it all the more vital that we stop the Government of Yugoslavia from committing crimes against humanity.

The bombing raid should increase in frequency and in devastation. The quicker we hurt Yugoslavia's armed forces the faster we can bring this conflict to an end.

In recent days calls for sending in ground troops have increased. About half of the Americans now support sending in ground troops. Most people now believe that there is no hope for winning without sending in ground troops.

Even though sending in ground troops would result in NATO casualties, these limited number of death can save millions of people.

NATO has recently found signs of mass graves, where thousands of Albanians are expected to be buried, after having been killed by the Yugoslav Army.

This type of destruction has been seen again and again this century. Each time we look at the destruction caused and regret, and promise it will never happen again. I hope this is the will send a message to other people in the world like President Milosavich.

The bombing and killing of people will solve nothing in the end the both sides will have a devastated and destroyed country which they can share, and both will ask "Who won?"



Security at Riley - good and bad

With the shooting incident in Littleton Colorado recently, schools across the country, including Riley, are examining how they go about their security measures and modifying them as needed to try to make schools safer places for students.

Obviously, the security at Riley is still quite a bit better than that of Columbine. Trench coats and sunglasses all day every day definitely wouldn't fly here, and it's more likely that people here would recognize the warning signs of a person that was about to snap than in Columbine, the middle of milk-toast America.

Still, Riley security is not flawless. Students every day make a pilgrimage out the doors during class and at lunch with the greatest of ease. Once in a while, they get caught, but the majority get away. It also seems far too easy for people to enter the school during the day. Security here is better than in Littleton, but it still could be improved.

Does the media exploit celebrity cases?

Bruce Duncanson
Viewpoints Editor

Why is it that rich people seem to get top billing in the media in this country?

I really wonder this, because whenever there's a crime or accident being covered, it's always the crimes or accidents that are perpetrated against or happen to rich or famous people that get more coverage than any other story.

Are they better than the common person because they have money? The reason is that American society seems to be fixed on wealth, power, and fame being the main things to attain in life, therefore the public is fascinated with the rich and powerful. The media is quick to feed the public whatever they want, and that's sensationalism with well-known people.

Take, for example, the Jon Benet Ramsey case. Do you think anyone outside of their hometown would have ever heard about this case if her parents hadn't had gobs of money?

Sure, it's tragic that a child died, but unfortunately children die every day in much worse ways all over the country, but you don't see coverage sprayed across the news constantly about these kids.

Why is this? It's because Jon Benet's parents threw money around and got the word out, and so the national media caught on that this story would earn them some ratings and decided to cover it every chance they got. Perhaps people simply forgot about the little girl that was murdered in Chicago, raped, and dumped in the bushes. You didn't hear about her on *Larry King Live* or see hourly updates of the case on CNN.

And how could anyone ever forget the O.J. Simpson trial?

Unless you were living in a cave, you had to have heard about this one and gotten extremely sick of it after a week. Of course, had you been living in a cave then you would have been lucky enough to avoid one of the biggest media circuses ever to hit the American public. The world practically came to a complete halt during the "trial of the century."

Why did it explode into this? The answer's simple. It's because O.J. Simpson was a celebrity with money.

Sure, the story deserved some coverage, but not all the coverage that it did receive.

You couldn't turn the TV on

without hearing about the trial constantly or actually watching the trial itself live. How was Simpson supposed to get a fair trial with all of the media coverage and TV cameras in the courtroom?

The media turned a murder investigation into entertainment, all because of the fact that O.J. Simpson is a celebrity figure, and that's just sad.

When Diana, the Princess of Wales, died in a car accident, the media was immediately all over it because of her money and fame. There was round-the-clock coverage and updates, although I don't even understand what there was to "update" in this story. She died in a car accident, enough said. Mother Theresa died the same week, and, not surprisingly, received much less attention than Diana did.

The reason for this is easy to spot too. It's because she was poor and less of a figure in public scrutiny than Diana was, therefore the death of the princess received top billing.

Now who actually did more for humanity, Diana or Mother Theresa? Once again, the news cameras were hovering around, showing the wreckage of the car. Some were even able to get pictures of the bodies. The media didn't have the dignity to leave the footage of this incident alone. The massive coverage of the death of Princess Diana is just more evidence that society places a greater emphasis on rich, well-to-do people than anyone else.

In a way, the over-emphasis on celebrity crimes and accidents is the public's fault. People love sensationalism and scandal, and the media is more than willing to give it to them. After all, that's what they're there for. Ratings will skyrocket with constant O.J. coverage, and that's how TV stations make their money, covering sensational or scandalous stories because the public demands them. Giving too much emphasis to a case like Jon Benet Ramsey's or O.J. Simpson's is irresponsible and exploitive journalism, not news.



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A look back at

First as the *Riley Riler* in 1926, then as *The Hi-Times*, and now as the award-winning *Riley Review*, the Riley High School newspaper has been dedicated to bringing you, the students of Riley High School, the most important news about your school and your community. From typewriters and paste to computers and scanners, here's a look at how far we have come. A tribute to the first 73 years of *The Review*.

1926

The first Riley newspaper, *The Riley Riler*, was published. It included an editorial titled "The Importance of a School Newspaper to Rilians." This is a summary of that editorial.

"In December 1926, a meeting was called of representatives from the faculty and student body, and from this meeting came the first school paper.

"We feel a paper is of importance to us for many reasons. It arouses the vigor and enthusiasm of the students because of the snappy material in it; moreover it circulates the news of our school as well as the events of others. A paper also helps to make better citizens out of our boys and girls by telling them what a good citizen does and should do. Furthermore every school has a paper and Riley deserves and needs a paper."

1940s

1940

Next year Riley will turn 75, but on March 25, 1940, the Wildcats were busy celebrating the school's 15th birthday.



1947

Maybe things haven't changed that much. In 1947, the paper's gossip column, "Talk of the Times," listed yoyo-ing as the latest "mad fad."

1960s

1962 "Swimmers Take State!" Was the big headline on February 23, 1962.

1970s



1975 October 3, "Science Department Doubles." Due to increased enrollment in science classes, five new science teachers were added to the Riley staff. John Clayton, Robert Harke, Robert Smith, and John Koellner were four of the new additions.

The

1987



"WHAT?!! No More Free Letter Sweaters?!!"



An award.

Since 1984, *The Review* has grown by leaps and bounds. We've won awards and honors from local, state, and national journalism organizations. Here's a list of some of our accomplishments over the last 17 years.

George H. Gallup Award
From the Quill and Scroll Society. Awarded to the top 10% of student newspapers in the country.

Top Ten Newspapers In The Country
Based on an evaluation from the Professional Journalism Society.

All-American Award
From the National Scholastic Press Association

1989-1998
International Journalism Award



Poodle skirts, the fashion fad of the '50s.

t The Review

1984
beginning of an era

Journalism teacher, Marcia Kavas, began her first year as advisor of *The Review*. Kavas had high hopes for the paper, and she said in an interview in October of 1984.



George McCullough and Tony Byrd began their careers as principal and assistant principal of Riley with high goals for the school. These included cutting Riley failure rate by fifty per cent, improving test scores, increasing the graduation rate, adding more pep assemblies and dances, and a spirit week, as well as adding more school-to-work programs like co-op.



The
1990's

1994

Teacher's battled for a new contract. After an eleven-day strike, they finally got their way. Benefits included a six per cent raise, a pay increase of \$1,060 across all pay scales to cover insurance premiums, and a promise that none of the teachers that participated in the strike would be punished.

Worried about the high number of cancer cases among their colleagues and convinced that the illnesses were due to toxins in the school's air and water, Riley teacher's requested air and water quality tests. Their requests were denied, but previous plans to test the water throughout the district were carried out.



Riley basketball team won first regional title in 45 years.

1992



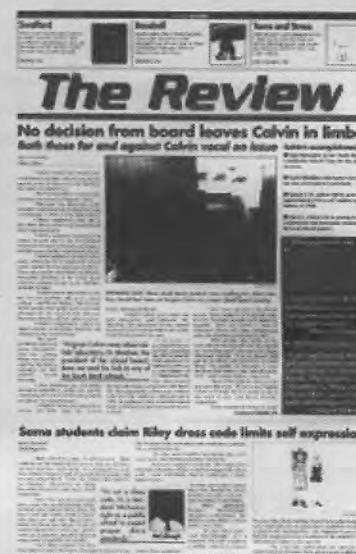
Members of the Riley at Ewing group demonstrated against a proposal to move Riley by holding a candlelight vigil and a march. There were two solutions before the school board to remedy to crumbling school. One, to rebuild the school at the present site, and two, to move the Wildcats to Jackson Middle School.

1996

On September 20, after almost 20 years of struggle, ground was finally broken for the new Riley.

Riley teachers and students spend their last year at 405 E. Ewing packing up books and belongings in preparation for the big move to One Wildcat Way.

1999



Riley boys swim team wins 14th consecutive swimming sectional.

Administration institutes new block-four scheduling.

Riley beefs up security in response to school shooting.

1998

Ron Metcalf, head Riley football coach resigned after a seven-year coaching tenure. Ted Crisman, assistant coach, was assigned to take over Metcalf's duties.

The administration announced a new attendance policy for block-four scheduling. Among the changes were the absence of lockout and the addition of tardies.



winning paper

1991-92 & 1993-94
Pacemaker Award
From National Scholastic Press Association.
Pulitzer Prize of high school journalism.

1990-1998
Best Divisional Ranking
From the National Scholastic Press Association.

1989-1996
Medalist Award
Top divisional ranking from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

1991-1998
Best Newspaper in Northern Indiana
From the Society of Professional Journalists.

Teachers said yes to block scheduling. In September, Riley teachers voted 63-24 to approve the new block schedule. The proposal, however, was still waiting to be approved by the school board.



For the first time ever, the class of 2000 was required to take and pass the ISTEP+ test in order to graduate.

As part of the SBCSC's zero-tolerance crackdown on drugs in schools, the corporation teamed up with the Indiana State Police and launched the Code Red Canine Search Program.

Sports

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Baseball team jumps out to decent start

Gretchen Lemmer
Sports Editor

Riley baseball has begun the season with a harsh statement of victory. With four wins over proclaimed teams such as Marian, Mishawaka, Elkhart Memorial, Adams, and Fort Wayne Snyder the 'Cats have gained the name of a team that requires tough competition.

The first game of the year was played against Marian. Riley brought home a 15-8 win. Senior captain Garret Ginter displayed top performance with two homeruns and five RBIs (runs batted in). On April 12 the 'Cats' tight defense and Ginter's two-hit shutout beat the Mishawaka Cavemen with a 10-0 final score.

The team also avenged their last year's 1-4 loss against Elkhart Memorial and pulled out a 6-2 victory. Senior captain Reid Platt and junior Justin Elmerick both had homers. Senior Jared Chrzanowski also had several run producing hits.

"I think we could have played better against Memorial," said Ginter, "but I'm glad we went over there and came home with a 6-2 victory. If we keep playing like we have been, I'm sure we can go far."

A loss was suffered against Washington which ended 4-8. Senior Dave St. Clair's homerun brought in sophomore Brent Lootens to give the 'Cats some numbers on the board. Lootens then came out with the second homerun of the game and brought in sophomore Tom Coughlin.

Another victory was taken over the Adams Eagles. The team was trailing in the third inning until Chrzanowski blasted a grand slam which was

later followed by Ginter's homerun. These big plays led to a 9-5 win.

The sixth game of the season was lost to Elkhart Central 4-5. Lootens had a homerun on the first pitch to Riley.

On April 24 the 'Cats faced Fort Wayne Snider in a double-header.

The score remained close throughout the entire game. Riley was trailing up until the last inning when seniors Ian Wyllie and Steve Fielder scored runs to take a 8-7 win. The following game resulted with a hard 5-13 loss.

Games against Mishawaka, Elkhart Memorial, Washington, Adams, and Elkhart Central were all NIC (Northern Indiana Conference) games, so the team is currently 3-2 in the NIC. There are 16 games played in the NIC which consist of two rounds of eight teams.

"All of our conference games will be tough. We're going to go out in the right mental state and play hard because as soon as you start thinking a team is easy, that's when they get you," commented head coach Ed Faulhaber.

The team's hitting this year is an increasing strength. The drought of left-handed batters has not affected the hitting line-up thus far, according to Faulhaber.

"We have done surprisingly well so far considering we have five relatively inexperienced hitters. In five games we've already scored 61 runs in eight games; that is beyond my expectations this early in the year. By the end of the season, we hope to have nine solid confident hitters," continues

Faulhaber.

"We expect production out of the middle of our line up. Although we have not yet needed to manufacture runs, there will be some games in the season where there will be tough pitching and good defense when manufacturing may be necessary because of our need to increase on our base percentage."

Lack of experience on a varsity level has not yet been a major factor in the playing ability of the team. Sophomore players such as Mike Golichowski, second base, and Chris Horvath, outfield, have brought forth good steady performances, according to Faulhaber.

"We have a lot of players, mostly sophomores, with little to no varsity experience so there are a lot of adjustments that have to be made. It's a higher intensity game with faster pitching. We expect to see vast improvements throughout the season," said Faulhaber.

Returning varsity players are also standing out as leaders on the field. Ginter has taken charge on the mound while Elmerick is playing well behind the plate. St. Clair, Platt, and Chrzanowski have presented top hitting, and senior Pat Ruth has held a solid game at shortstop.

According to Faulhaber, there are five strong All-Conference candidates. Ginter, St. Clair, Platt, Chrzanowski, and Elmerick are already appearing to be high prospects as All-Conference players.

"There is no reason that anyone can't make an All-Conference position. There are a lot of factors that go into the decision; such as, other players that play that particular position as well as performance shown at conference

games, and improvement throughout the season," commented Faulhaber.

A state title is in the eyes of this year's Wildcat team. They will be motivated and inspired to steal the title from last year's state holder, the Penn Kingsmen.

"With good pitching, you have a chance to win every game. If our pitchers can continue to improve and St. Clair and Ginter take command as stoppers a state title is definitely within our reach," said Faulhaber.

If the 'Cats proceed to play with the same tough style as they already have brought forth, a winning record will be the least of their accomplishments.

"So far I think the team has done extremely well, even better than expected. If we continue to play to our capabilities, the sky is the limit as to what this team can accomplish," ended Platt. ■



BRYAN PROVEN

BIG SLUGGER/ Senior Garret Ginter takes batting practice before a game. Ginter has hit three homeruns this season, two of them came in one game, against Marian.



BRYAN PROVEN

TOP OF THE ORDER/ Sophomore Chris Horvath, and seniors Pat Ruth and Dave St. Clair pose for the camera. These three are the first to appear in the batting order and will try to get the offense started.



BRYAN PROVEN

DESIGNATED HITTER/ Senior Jared Chrzanowski takes batting practice before a game. He has been used as a designated hitter and pitcher this season. He is one of the key players for the Wildcats this year.

Baseball Roster

Number	Name	Position	Grade
2	Tom Coughlin	INF	10
6	Pat Ruth	SS/P	12
9	Eric Moore	C/INF	10
10	Mike Golichowski	OF	10
11	Brent Lootens	OF	10
12	Ian Wyllie	OF	12
14	Chris Henry	SS	11
15	Chris Horvath	OF	10
17	Justin Elmerick	C	11
18	Chad Nichols	OF	11
19	Jared Chrzanowski	P/DH	12
21	Steve Fielder	INF	12
22	Garret Ginter	P/3B	12
24	A.D. Stackhouse	P/OF	12
25	Reid Platt	1B	12
44	Dave St. Clair	P/OF	12

Lady Wildcats slide into a winning season

Gretchen Lemmer
Sports Editor

Girls' softball is already working their way to the top with an accomplished record of 4-2 as of April 27.

The team took home two victories from a double header against Wawasee over spring break. Senior Stacy Culp took charge on the mound by giving Wawasee no mercy. Tight defense and effective hitting finalized the games with 6-0 and 13-0 scores.

"The two games against Wawasee was really a great way to step into the season. All of the players were in the right frame of mind, we came together, and played well as a whole," said junior captain Adria Phillips, "If this form of playing is consistent, there will be no stopping us."

Despite the earlier wins, the 'Cats later suffered two losses to the Clay Colonials and the Penn Kingsmen. Clay scored two quick runs in the first inning. The team continued to play with aggression and attempted to come back in the fifth inning by bringing in a run. Amidst the hard efforts the game ended in a 1-2 loss.

"I was proud that the team didn't allow the score affect their game. The fact that we made a run in the



BRYAN PROVEN

DANDY LITTLE GLOVE WOMAN/ Junior Adria Phillips takes her fielding stance in recent game.

fifth inning shows that we all continued to give it 110 percent, and we wouldn't go without with a fight," said senior captain Kelly Carson.

The game versus the Kingsmen was close to the last inning. An error in the field allowed an 'inside the park' homerun which brought in two runners from Penn. The team proceeded to play with intensity, according to captains, but time ran out with a 6-9 final score.

"We expected Penn to be a tough game. It's always hard to not come out as the winner. This game will only give us the motivation and determination to practice harder and bring home victory," said Phillips.

Clay and Penn were both conference games so Riley was 0-2 in the NIC (Northern Indiana Conference) as of April 27. Other conference games include Mishawaka, Elkhart Memorial, and LaSalle.

"All the conference games are important. Concentration and hard playing will be mandatory at these vital games. I expect top performances and good outcomes for the remainder of conference games," commented Phillips.

The Lady 'Cats also faced Concord in a double-header. In the first game Riley won 4-2. Junior Beth Lesar had three hits and scored two runs. Culp struck out seven Concord players. The second game was another success. Carson scored the winning run to make a finalized 3-2 win.

According to head coach Mike Megyese, five players are really standing out as potential All-Conference candidates. Lesar, Culp, and Carson have been stepping up and shown good leadership on the field. Sophomore Lisa Cowper and Phillips have also displayed good playing skills and demonstrate All-Conference ability.

"At different moments everyone is standing out and showing what they are capable of," said Carson. "If they continue showing all their skills and playing the way they have been, they will definitely make an All-Conference position."

The team's pitching and hitting are continuing to improve, according to Megyese. Culp has only given up fifteen runs in six games. Carson has had nine hits and also has supplied additional production plays.

"Stacy Culp has been outstanding in the pitching department while Kelly Carson has shown an excellent example in hitting. Our execution has been wonderful," said Megyese, "I think we will continue to improve and surprise a lot of people."

When asked if the team was capable of overtaking the state title, Megyese replied with a confident, "You bet! That should be the goal of every team and coach, and with a break here or there anything is possible."

New facilities accompany new school

Chris Henry
Senior Staff Reporter

With new fields, courts, weight rooms, and other fitness centers, next year's athletic teams will be given state of the art equipment which will help provide top performances.

Many new outdoor facilities and renovations have been made at Jackson Middle School, the location of Riley home football and soccer games. The football team will continue to play on the original Jackson field; however, the wooden bleachers will be replaced with aluminum seating on both the home and visitor sides of the field.

The second addition to Jackson is an entirely separate stadium for home soccer games which can be found behind the football field. It includes aluminum bleachers and fencing around the perimeter. The fact that the field is only used for soccer games with help to maintain its overall condition.

Additional facilities will be built to accompany the new Riley.



COURTESY OF ATHLETIC OFFICE

MAIN EVENT/Riley's main gym will be the new location of home basketball games rather than being played at Jackson Middle School.

There is a wrestling room that has two mats and mirrors that surround the entire area. This room can also be used for dance groups to practice.

There is a three-lane indoor track that is recommended for walking and stretching. A fully loaded auxiliary gym will have seating for up to 500 people. It also includes a full length batting cage that falls from the ceiling which can be used by both baseball and softball players. This will make practicing more convenient and save a lot of playing time.

In the main gym (pictured below) there is a huge American flag that falls from the ceiling. The gym contains the only scoreboard in the state that shows players' numbers and fouls throughout the entire game. There are a total of 11 lockerooms for both physical education classes and athletic teams.

The new school will also hold two weight rooms. One is used for free weights. The other is a machine/aerobic weight room. These rooms will be open to the public at certain times of the day.

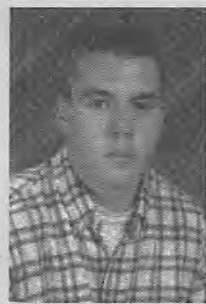
There will be a new eight-lane, 45 foot-long pool with a separate well for the divers. Two separate scoreboards will be used for divers and swimmers.

Outside the new school there is going to be an eight-lane, oval track which will surround a practice football field. The current location of the school will be replaced with seven lighted tennis courts after the tear down occurs.

There will also be state of the art baseball and softball fields. The softball field will have a full lighting system. The baseball field is unable to be used this year due to the fact that it is presently unsuitable to play on.

With all of the new facilities that are being constructed, in addition to the new school, Riley will be stepping into the millennium with a fresh outlook. Wildcat athletics have now been given the opportunity to exceed their expectations.

Jock Talk



Name
Garret Ginter
Sport
Baseball
Year
Senior

What three words best describe your playing style?

Competitive, smart, aggressive

Who is your sports hero?

My dad; in his prime.

What is the best part about being an athlete?

Being a winner.

What is the worst part about being an athlete?

Being a loser.

If you could watch any athlete perform who would it be?

Babe Ruth

What is your proudest moment as an athlete?

Being on the first team from South Bend to win a state championship in Little League.



Name
Tasha Mays
Sport
Track
Year
Sophomore

What are three words that best describe your playing style?

Determination, success, accuracy

Who is your sports hero?

Jackie Joyner Kersey

What is the best part about being an athlete?

Coming home with a first place ribbon.

What is the worst part about being an athlete?

Getting yelled at by your coach for not doing your best.

If you could watch any athlete perform who would it be?

Jackie Joyner Kersey

What is your proudest moment as an athlete?

Making it to Regionals as a freshman.

Diverse Ideas

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Flashing lights can be fatal

Lindsay Manley
Staff Reporter

Gang initiations have always threatened the lives of many people. The initiations can severely harm or even take the lives of many innocent people. The latest type of gang initiation that has been putting a scare in the lives of many people in the Midwest is flashing car headlights.

During the so-called headlight initiation, a gang member drives down a road that they are sure they will be seen on. They drive with their headlights off on purpose, hoping the polite driver will flash their headlights at them as a signal for the gang member to turn their headlights on.

The gang member then chases the polite driver at high speeds and hopes to run that respectful driver's car off the road.

In other cases, the gang member may try to shoot a bullet through the car it is chasing, in order for their initiation to be complete.

There are a couple consequences you will have to face if you drive with your headlights off. It could result in a fine, ticket, or depending on how many times you were caught driving with your headlights off, it may even result in suspension of the license. "If you were caught driving with your headlights off for unexceptional causes, it could even result in incarceration," said Tony Ross, security guard and police officer.

Most local police officers and schools have been trying to inform people on how to prevent themselves from getting into this situation. Unfortunately, most people, especially teens, are uninformed about this life-

threatening type of gang initiation.

Ashley Huffman, freshman, said, "I have only heard about this type of gang initiation through the news, and I still don't know that much about it."

Lindsay Swick, sophomore, mentioned, "I don't know what this gang headlight initiation thing is, but it sure does sound scary."

Shannon Howell, sophomore, said, "I heard that your first hour teacher was supposed to read you something about the headlight initiation when they read the weekly announcements. We barely ever hear the weekly announcements, so I never heard anything about this gang headlight initiation."

However, Julia Horvath, sophomore, said, "My first hour teacher, Ephie Gevas, reads the weekly announcements to us every Monday. A couple weeks ago I heard her say something about not flashing your headlights at people who don't have their headlights on because it could be some type of gang initiation."

Ross said, "I don't know much about this type of initiation. However, I do know that it was more popular on the east coast a few years ago. Now that it has occurred close to South Bend, I know that the Riley staff and faculty have tried to inform their students on how to prevent themselves from getting into this type of situation."

Many other Riley students were educated about this type of gang initiation through the recent release of the horror movie, *Urban Legends*.

Tara Stokes, freshman, mentioned, "I was first informed on this type of headlight initiation when I saw the movie *Urban Legends*. The whole movie was based on a bloody revenge that was due to this type of initiation."

Laura Obenchain, sophomore, said, "I never really knew about this type of initiation until I saw the movie *Urban Legends*."

Many parents of Riley students commented on how they could not believe how a thing that they were taught to be an act of kindness, has turned into a way that people could harm other people's lives.

Never flash your headlights at a person who is driving with their headlights off, because it is better to be safe than sorry. If you are ever being chased by someone, due to the headlight initiation, try to keep your calm, and drive to the nearest public site, whether it be a gas station, grocery store, or even the police station. ■



AJAZ CHAUDRY

Bikini season around the corner



Marcus King
Senior Staff Reporter

Throughout the course of the last fifty years, both men and women of the world have been captivated with the bikini. It is a remarkable item of fashion that has changed what people wear forever.

People have taken the bikini for granted and overlooked the true essence and mystique of this wonderful area of clothing. We just don't realize how important it is to the lives of both sexes.

The bikini is traditionally a very highly rated subject among most heterosexual men. In fact, some men's lives revolve around watching beautiful women in those small bikinis. They go to the local beach in search of a pretty, tan woman wearing a bikini. Some of these bathing suits can make any man's jaw drop to the floor. The way the skin-tight spandex accents the shape of a woman's body is irresistible for any guy, young or old, to stare at.

There are actually bikinis designed for men; they are called thongs. Some men have decided to sport these revealing swimsuits, but it has not nearly reached the popularity of the women's bikini.

"I don't wear a thong because they are feminine, and I don't want to have to shave my behind," said junior Dave Iancha when asked why he doesn't like male thongs.

Not only are bikinis an essential part of fashion that the men like to watch, but they are even more important for the women that wear them. The majority of women in the world enjoy wearing those tantalizing swimming suits.

Some spend countless hours in a tanning bed, and some spend hours trying to shed a few extra pounds gearing for the summer season. Then those women try on many different bikinis, looking for the one that they like on their bodies the best.

"Bikinis cost way too much, and you can never find one that fits your body right," stated sophomore Carly Walasinski.

Many stores around the world also cash in on all of the women spending huge amounts of money on bikinis. They can be extremely expensive. They range from \$40 to sometimes excesses of \$100 in most clothing stores. Many of these companies send out magazines just displaying bikinis, trying to lure women to buy their products.

Bikinis have also become a large source of entertainment. *Sports Illustrated* publishes a swimsuit issue every year for its subscribers. It is filled with famous models wearing the newest fashion crazes in bikinis. With a majority of the people that subscribe to the magazine anticipating the swimsuit issue the most.

Women often wonder why the majority of men don't partake in wearing bikinis. Some feel that it is a sexist aspect of our society that it is acceptable for the majority of women to wear bikinis, while most men seem to wear a baggy pair of shorts. Is it right for men to be comfortable and unconcerned about what they wear around water, while a great percentage of today's women have to struggle to fit in?

The answer is up to you. ■

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guards to stand on each floor," said McCullough, and "ideally, we should have metal detectors as well on each door."

Some of these problems will be addressed in the new facility next year.

"Students will only be able to enter the main doorway in the new Riley," said McCullough, "all the other doors will be alarmed, and the security will be called immediately if one opens," he said.

In addition, Floyd, said, "We will have one hand held metal detector to check suspicious people in the building."

Every door except the front door will also be locked. If one of these doors is opened a light will go on in the security office. Someone will then go to investigate and make sure everything is secure. The entire school will also be fenced in.

"In addition, all students and teachers will be required to wear ID badges," said Floyd. This is to ensure all students in the building are enrolled at Riley and someone who is not supposed to be in the building can be singled out more easily.

McCullough and Floyd can also single out strangers in the building, because they enforce hair and dress standards in the building.

"We are the only high school where there are standards of dress and hairstyles," he said. "We do not allow colored hair, braids on males, any gang or cult related jewelry, any gang symbols (like wearing pants legs rolled up certain ways or tipping hats).

"If we see a student sporting these styles, we ask them to leave," he said. And the main reason is that students start to identify with the different alternative looks, and this creates cliques and ostracism. "We stop the teasing before it starts," he said.

"If I had my way, we would have a dress code here," he emphasized.

McCullough says, "I enforce MBWA to help ensure student safety." His paperwork comes after school. During school hours he is constantly inspecting school grounds.

And students need to do their share. Shannon Howell, sophomore, mentioned, "My youth group talked about giving a compliment to someone everyday so we can bring out the good in people, not the bad."

Ashley Huffman, freshman, said, "Ever since the shooting, I've tried to be a lot nicer to people."

A lot of conflict could be avoided if everyone did as Howell and Huffman are doing, according to McCullough. But the most important thing students can do to protect themselves is to "Break the code of silence," he said.

"Students need to take responsibility if they see or know of someone who is doing wrong, they need to let us know," said McCullough.

"After all, this is your world, you need to step up to take responsibility," he said. "If young people don't realize that the buck stops with them, then things will continue to get worse."

"Break the silence, and take a stand," he said. ■